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SUBJECT: IRISH MEDIA FEATURE PRESIDENT CARTER QUOTE STATEMENT
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1. LEAD STORY IN ALL THREE DUBLIN DAILIES, EDITORIALS IN TWO OF THE THREE, AND RADIO/TV NEWS AUGUST 24 SPECULATE ON AN IMMINENT QUOTE INITIATIVE UNQUOTE OR QUOTE STATEMENT UNQUOTE ON NORTHERN IRELAND TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER. THE IRISH INDEPENDENT AND PRESS, CITING GOI AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT SOURCES, HAVE INDICATED THAT QUOTE POWER SHARING UNQUOTE IS A MAIN ELEMENT IN THE STATEMENT. THE PRESS STATED QUOTE MR. CARTER'S INITIATIVE WAS EXPECTED TO COME OUT STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF POWER-SHARING AS THE ONLY FORM OF GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE NORTH, AND TO STRESS THAT THE U.S. PRESIDENT BELIEVED IN THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT TO BE CONSULTED ON ANY FUTURE POLITICAL CHANGES IN THE TROUBLED AREA, AND TO GIVE COMMENT AND ADVICE ON SUCH DEVELOPMENTS. UNQUOTE.

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2. THE IRISH TIMES EMPHASIZES THAT QUOTE PRESIDENT CARTER PLANS TO DELIVER A RATHER NEUTRAL SPEECH ON NORTHERN IRELAND - ONE WHICH WILL STRESS THE NEED FOR COOPERATION, RATHER THAN DEAL WITH POLITICAL STRUCTURES. AND WHILE IT IS BELIEVED THAT REFERENCE WILL BE MADE TO POSSIBLE US INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN THE NORTH - PROVIDED THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS RIGHT - THE FORM WHICH THAT

INVESTMENT WILL TAKE HAS NOT BEEN MADE CLEAR. UNQUOTE

3. THE IRISH RADIO BULLETIN SAYS: QUOTE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE STATEMENT PRESIDENT CARTER IS TO MAKE ON NORTHERN IRELAND. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE STATEMENT OUTLINES THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR POWER-SHARING AS THE ONLY FORM OF ADMINISTRATION LIKELY TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE NORTH UNQUOTE.

4. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS STICKING STAUNCHLY TO QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE THOUGH THE PAPERS ALL ASSERT AS A FACT, FROM SOME UNNAMED SOURCE, THAT BOTH THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ADVANCE TEXTS OF THE QUOTE STATEMENT. UNQUOTE.

5. ALL THE PAPERS QUOTE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN POWELL AS SAYING AUG 23 THAT QUOTE IT WAS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE THAT THE PRESIDENT PLANNED A SPEECH ON NORTHERN IRELAND AND THAT DRAFTS OF THE TEXT HAD BEEN SENT TO THE IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE

6. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES AND WE HAVE REPLIED THAT THE MATTER IS UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE STUDY. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL WE ARE STICKING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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7. TEXTS OF EDITORIALS ARE BEING SENT VIA SEPTTEL (USINFO).

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